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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Steven L. Jacques

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated July 26, 2006, for which a shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on October 26, 2006. Applicant has filed a petition for a 3-month extension of time, bringing the deadline for response to the Office Action up to and including January 26, 2007. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 16-2500.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2. Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5. Remarks begin on page 7.